

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mobility Committee

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director,

Austin Transportation Department

DATE: Mach 30, 2015

SUBJECT: Lone Star Cab Franchise Renewal

ABCABCO Incorporated d.b.a. Lone Star Cab Company has filed a taxicab franchise renewal application, which has been reviewed and all required information is on file with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD). The existing franchise expires on August 28, 2015. Lone Star Cab proposes to continue to operate 108 taxicabs to provide taxicab service to the entire city, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Lone Star Cab has provided taxicab service in Austin since 2007 and has exhibited the character, experience, and ability to provide taxicab service. Lone Star Cab has proposed to continue providing taxicab service. ATD recommends approval of a renewal of the Lone Star Cab taxicab franchise for a period ending August 3, 2025.

The City Charter requires a franchise renewal to be granted by ordinance and read at three regular City Council meetings. The third reading may not occur within 30 days of the first reading. Following is the schedule for the three readings: First reading – April 23, 2015, Second reading – May 21, 2015, and Third reading – June 4, 2015.

ATD requests the Mobility Committee approve the recommendation of renewing the Lone Star Cab Company franchise agreement to operate 208 taxicabs (an additional 100 permits) for a ten-year renewal term.